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NOTICE REGARDING RESCISSION OF NONPUBLICATION REQUEST

Applicant filed a rescission of a previously-filed nonpublication request under 37 CFR 1.213(b) on September 10, 2004. A review of the Office's records of this application does not show a previously-filed nonpublication request.

Applicant is reminded that a request under 37 CFR 1.213(b) to rescind a nonpublication request is not appropriate unless the person signing the request has made an inquiry consistent with the requirement of 37 CFR 10.18(b) and determined that a nonpublication request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) was previously filed in the application.

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